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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- PREMIER CHIANG RECENTLY INSTURCTED MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO EDIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NEW HISTORY OF TAIWAN TO INCLUDE DEEDS OF HEROES, MARTYRS IN TAIWAN WHO DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO NATIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST JAPAN'S OCCUPATION, CNA REPORTED. THESE DEEDS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN TEXTBOOKS WRITTEN FOR PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, HE REPORTEDLY SAID, THUS BREEDING PATRIOTISM AND NATIONAL VIRTUES IN YOUTH.

-- NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL MAY 10 PASSED CENSORSHIP WITHOUT DELETIONS, INCLUDING U.S. DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE CARTER'S COMMENTS ON TIES WITH CHINA IF HE WINS PRESIDENCY.

-- GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DIRECTOR DING MOU-SHIH REPORTED TO LEGISLATIVE YUAN MAY 10 ON EFFORTS TO STEP UP ROC FOREIGN PUBLICITY BY STRESSING TAIWAN'S PROGRESS, UNVEILING COMMUNIST UNCLASSIFIED

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INTRIGUES AND CLOSELY COORDINATING ROC DIPLOMATIC,OVERSEAS,

CULTUREX AND TRADE EFFORTS TO FOIL PRC DESIGNS TO ISOLATE ROC.

-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO TOLD MONTHLY MEETING OF RULING KUOMINTANG PARTY MAY 10 THAT RECENT TIEN AN MEN RIOTS PROVED FAILURE OF MAOIST SUPPRESSIVE MEASURES AND FORETOLD EVENTUAL DOWNFALL OF PEIPING REGIME, ACCORDING CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA), WHICH QUOTED HIM SAYING: "ALL THE CHINESE PEOPLE MUST JOIN HANDS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE MAINLAND AND NEVER CEASE THEIR EFFORTS UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY IS WON." THIS COULD BE DONE BY CARRYING OUT LAST TESTAMENT OF LATE PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK WHICH CONTAINED GUIDELINES FOR RECOVERING MAINLAND, HE SAID.

II. MEDIA REACTION:

-- KUOMINTANG'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO- 270,000) CARRIED ANOTHER ARTICLE BY T'ANG P'AN (P.P. TANG), EDITOR OF THE PAPER'S INTERNATIONAL EDITION, WHO RECENTLY TOURED U.S., THIS TIME DISCUSSING CHINESE STUDENTS THERE. HE SAID "LEFTIST" CHINESE STUDENTS IN THE U.S., RAMPANT TWO YEARS AGO, HAD BEEN MORE OR LESS SUPPRESSED BY UNITED ACTION OF "PATRIOTIC" CHINESE STUDENTS. ALSO, TAIWAN'S PROGRESS AND PRC INTERNAL TROUBLES HAD WORKED AGAINST "LEFTISTS" WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO STIR UP TROUBLE BETWEEN STUDENTS OF MAINLAND VERSUS TAIWAN ORIGIN. HE SAID COMMUNISTS ARE CONTINUING POUR MONEY INTO U.S. SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL "LEFTISTS" WHO ARE DISTRIBUTING PUBLICATIONS FROM UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AND GEORGIA TECH.

-- GREAT CHINA EVENING NEWS (TA HUA WAN PAO - 60,000) SAID SINCE TAIWAN ENJOYING POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IT UNNECESSARY FOR PEOPLE TO IMMIGRATE TO OTHER COUNTRIES. PAPER SAID 25,504 IMMIGRATION VISAS ISSUED BY THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TAIPEI BETWEEN 1964 AND 1974 AND MANY OTHERS IMMIGRATED TO THE U.S. WITHOUT IMMIGRATION VISAS. SOME OF THESE CHINESE EMIGRANTS COULD NOT ADJUST IN U.S. DUE TO POOR EDUCATION AND LACK OF ENGLISH, PAPER ADDED.

-- CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY CARRIED A NEW YORK REPORT BY T.C. TANG ASKING, "IS THE U.S. ON THE DECLINE?" HIS ANSWER: "... ON THIS BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ONCE THE 'LAND OF THE FREE, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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'THE HOME OF THE BRAVE' IT WOULD TAKE A MYOPE TO SAY THAT THIS ONCE EARTHLY PARADISE' IS NOT ON THE DECLINE. CAN IT BE ARRESTED? RATHER UNLIKELY BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, AMERICA IS NOW A 'PERMISSIVE SOCIETY, 'THE PRESENT AMERICAN ECONOMY RESTS NOT ON THRIFT BUT ON WASTE, THIS IS A COUNTRY OF SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS WHICH VIE FOR FEDERAL HANDOUTS, AND WITHOUT DISCIPLINE, WHICH THIS NATION SORELY LACKS, THERE CAN BE NO DRASTIC REFORMS."

III. PROGRAM:

1. CHARLES TANG, WELL-KNOWN LOCAL LINGUIST, GAVE LECTURES ON "TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE" AT USIS TAICHUNG, TAINAN AND KAOHSIUNG FROM APRIL 24 TO 27. EACH OF HIGHLY POPULAR LECTURES DREW FROM 200 TO 400 TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF ENGLISH WHO OVERWHELMINGLY WELCOMED THEM AS VERY PRACTICAL. DURING THE WEEK AFTER HIS DOWNISLAND LECTURE TOUR, DR. TANG RECEIVED ABOUT 40 LETTERS FROM PEOPLE WHO HEARD LECTURE AS WELL AS ENGLISH TEACHERS WHO MISSED CHANCE TO HEAR HIM. ALTOGETHER, DR. TANG RECEIVED OVER 120 LETTERS COMPLIMENTING HIM OR ASKING ADVICE SINCE HIS FIRST LECTURE AT USIS TAIPEI IN JANUARY.

2. TO PROMOTE TICKET SALES OF UPCOMING ALWIN NIKOLAIS DANCE THEATER MAY 15-17 TAIPEI PERFORMANCES, WE SHOWED IMV FILM "NIKOLAIS-AN EXPERIENCE IN SIGHT AND SOUND" TO SRO AUDIENCE OF 280 IN TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER MAY 10. DUE INABILITY TO RECRUIT SPEAKER TO REPLACE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION, FILM HAD TO STAND ON ITS OWN WITH LESS THAN SATISFACTORY RESULTS. SOME VIEWERS COMPLAINED DANCE PORTRAYED IN FILMZ MORE SCULPTURE AND PAINTING THAN REAL DANCE. WE FELT A SPEAKER, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, WOULD HAVE MADE NIKOLAIS WORK MORE UNDERSTANDABLE TO AUDIENCE. BUT EXPECT INTEREST GENERATED BY FILM SHOW TO ENCOURAGE LIVE PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE.

3. CONTINUING EVIDENCE THAT USIS FOCUS ARTICLE ALERT SERVICE IS USED BY TOP PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS IS MAY 10 REQUEST FROM MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR COPY OF DECEMBER 75 FUTURIST ARTICLE "FEEDING THE WORLD IN THE YEAR 2000." ORIGINALLY CARRIED IN IPS ARTICLE ALERT, SUMMARY IN APRIL 1 FOCUS.

4. CPAO CLARKE SHOWED IMV "MARS, THE SEARCH BEGINS" TO 130 PERSON HIGH-LEVEL BREAKFAST AUDIENCE CHINESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS, UNCLASSIFIED

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CABINET MEMBERS, MEDIA HEADS, U.S. AND CHINESE BUSINESSMEN. OCCASION OFFERED OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS PURPOSES UPCOMING VIKING 1 AND 2 MARS MISSIONS AND FILM ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

5. USIA GENERAL COUNSEL AND CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON ED HIDALGO VISITED POST MAY 8-11. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED DINNER MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LEGISLATIVE YUAN, EMBASSY BRIEFINGS, LUNCH WITH CHINESE AND AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC, MILITARY, BUSINESS LEADERS, DINNER WITH USIS CHINESE AND AMERICAN STAFFERS. CLARKE

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